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ADENOVIRUSESAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Before examining this application, please amend it as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION*NE* At page 1, lines 1 and 2, please delete the title.

At page 1, line 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation application of PCT application FR00/00879 filed on April 7, 2000, and claims benefit of priority of U.S. provisional application 60/132,120, filed April 30, 1999, and French application 99/04443, filed April 9, 1999.

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